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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—246) Pages S4670–71, S4685

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:03 a.m. and adjourned at 7:40 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4704.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Rural Development and Energy concluded a hearing to examine renewable energy, focusing on growth and opportunities for rural economies, after receiving testimony from Shannon Schlecht, Agricultural Research Utilization Institute, Crookston, Minnesota; Katie Sieben, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, St. Paul; Emily Skor, Growth Energy, Washington, D.C.; Bill Cherrier, Central Iowa Power Cooperative, Des Moines; and Matthew Mancuso, Iowa Western Community College, Council Bluffs.

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Army, after receiving testimony from Christine E. Wormuth, Secretary of the Army, and General James P. McConville, Army Chief of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Caroline Diane Krass, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, Gina Maria Ortiz Jones, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, Ely Stefansky Ratner, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary, Shawn Graham Skelly, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Meredith Berger, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and 2,932 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2022 and the Future Years Defense Program after receiving testimony from Thomas W. Harker, Acting Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Michael M. Gilday, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, and General David H. Berger, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine modernization efforts of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2022 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General David S. Nahom, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, Lieutenant General Joseph T. Guastella, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, and Lieutenant General Duke Z. Richardson, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, all of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Brian Eddie Nelson, of California, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, who was introduced by Senator Padilla, and Elizabeth Rosenberg, of Vermont, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, who was introduced by Senator Leahy, both of the Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUILDING RESILIENT NETWORKS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communication, Media, and Broadband concluded a hearing to examine building resilient networks, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey D. Johnson, Western Fire Chiefs Association, Sisters, Oregon; Jonathan Adelstein, Wireless Infrastructure Association, Arlington, Virginia; Denny Law, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Wall, South Dakota; and Harold Feld, Public Knowledge, Washington, D.C.

ASIA-PACIFIC TRADE POLICY

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine the strategic benefits of

a multilateral approach to trade policy in the Asia-Pacific region, after receiving testimony from Wendy Cutler, Asia Society Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.; Don Allan, Stanley Black and Decker, New Britain, Connecticut; Peter A. Petri, Brandeis University, Boston, Massachusetts; and James B. Cunningham, Atlantic Council, Elizabethtown, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1041, to advance the strategic alignment of United States diplomatic tools toward the realization of free, fair, and transparent elections in Nicaragua and to reaffirm the commitment of the United States to protect the fundamental freedoms and human rights of the people of Nicaragua, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2000, to promote the United States-Greece defense partnership, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 93, to amend the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act to modify the foreign persons subject to sanctions and to remove the sunset for the imposition of sanctions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 14, to identify and combat corruption in countries, to establish a tiered system of countries with respect to levels of corruption by their governments and their efforts to combat such corruption, and to evaluate foreign persons engaged in grand corruption for inclusion as specially designated nationals under the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 67, calling for the immediate release of Trevor Reed, a United States citizen who was unjustly found guilty and sentenced to 9 years in a Russian prison;

S. Res. 165, calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to provide evidence or to release United States citizen Paul Whelan;

S. Res. 107, expressing the sense of the Senate relating to the 10th anniversary of the March 11, 2011, earthquake and tsunami in Japan;

S. Res. 176, urging all parties in Georgia to seek prompt implementation of the agreement signed on April 19, 2021, and reaffirming the support of the Senate for Georgia, the territorial integrity of Georgia, and the aspirations of Georgians to join the Euro-Atlantic community, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

D.C. STATEHOOD

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine D.C. statehood, including S. 51, to provide for the admission of the State of Washington, D.C. into the Union, after receiving testimony from former Senator Joe Lieberman, and Representative Norton; Mayor Muriel Bowser, and Roger Pilon, Cato Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Marc Morial, National Urban League, New York, New York; Richard Primus, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor; and Derek T. Muller, University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City.

VACCINES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine vaccines, focusing on America's shot at ending the COVID-19 pandemic, after receiving testimony from Susan R. Bailey, American Medical Association, Fort Worth, Texas; Jeanette Betancourt, Sesame Workshop, New York, New York; Curtis Chang, Duke Divinity School, San Jose, California; and Michelle L. Nichols, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia.

FEDERAL SENTENCING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal sentencing for crack and powder cocaine, after receiving testimony from Regina M. LaBelle, Acting Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, Little Rock; Matthew Charles, FAMM, Nashville, Tennessee; Russell Coleman, Frost Brown Todd, Louisville, Kentucky; Antonio Garcia, National HIDTA Directors Association, San Antonio, Texas; and Steven B. Wasserman, National Association of Assistant U.S. Attorneys, Washington, D.C.

PROTECTING REAL INNOVATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine protecting real innovations by improving patent quality, after receiving testimony from Bridget Asay, Stris and Maher, Montpelier, Vermont; Julio A. Garceran, Cree, Inc., Durham, North Carolina; Troy R. Lester, Acushnet Company, Fairhaven, Massachusetts; and Jorge L. Contreras, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Salt Lake City.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Christine Abizaid, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

INTELLIGENCE

Committee recessed subject to the call.

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 48 public bills, H.R. 4026–4073; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 485, 487–490 were introduced. **Pages H3004–06**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3007–09**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3239, to make improvements in the enactment of title 41, United States Code, into a positive law title and to improve the Code (H. Rept. 117–67);

H.R. 3241, to make improvements in the enactment of title 54, United States Code, into a positive law title and to improve the Code (H. Rept. 117–68); H.R. 1915, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize certain water pollution control programs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–69);

H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–70); and

H. Res. 486, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2062) to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 239) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for limitations on copayments for contraception furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1443) to amend the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to require the collection of small business loan data related to LGBTQ-owned businesses; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 13) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission relating to “Update of Commission’s Conciliation Procedures”; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 14) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule sub-

mitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Review”; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 15) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of the Comptroller of Currency relating to “National Banks and Federal Savings Associations as Lenders”; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–71).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McGovern to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:21 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Enhancing State Energy Security Planning and Emergency Preparedness Act of 2021: H.R. 1374, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide Federal financial assistance to States to implement, review, and revise State energy security plans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 398 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 173; and

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Preventing Crimes Against Veterans Act of 2021: H.R. 983, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide an additional tool to prevent certain frauds against veterans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 416 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 174.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:12 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act of 2021: H.R. 482, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs under part A of title XI of such Act relating to genetic diseases;

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